



November 19, 2020

Dear 'Berg Students,

As we approach Thanksgiving break this weekend, we want to do all we can to continue to observe state orders and protocols -- and good common -- sense to keep all of us as safe and healthy as possible.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine has issued a new order that applies to all of us -- even though many of us will be departing campus after classes on Friday. Beginning today, all Ohio residents will be required to stay home between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. with some exceptions for work, groceries, hospital visits, and emergencies. This new health order is effective for 21 days.

It is our expectation that all of us will abide by this new state order, as well as mandatory masking, social distancing, and other health orders which have become routine in our daily lives. In light of this current COVID-19 surge across the country and in all of our communities, compliance is so important if we expect to return to campus in mid-January.

You have all earned this upcoming Thanksgiving break. We hope you'll use the time to relax and recharge for the three-week stretch run that begins November 30. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family and we wish you a successful conclusion to the Fall Semester.

Sincerely,

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Dean of Student Affairs

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Chief Human Resources Officer and Title IX Coordinator

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Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost